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MATHER RETIRES FROM FEDERAL SERVICE

Dr. Bryant Mather, who served the federal government for 59 years, recently retired from the Senior Executive Service.

Mather most recently served as the director of the Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) Structures Laboratory. The Structures Laboratory conducts research in the fields of weapons effects, earth dynamics, structural design, structural behavior, camouflage, and construction materials. As director, Mather managed a staff of 142 government employees and an annual research program of approximately \$40 million.

A Corps of Engineers employee since 1941, Mather first worked as a geologist and later as an engineer. Throughout his career, he has specialized in concrete research. His first assignment was with the Central Concrete Laboratory at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. He has been affiliated with the Waterways Experiment Station (now part of ERDC) and the ERDC in Vicksburg, Miss., since 1946.

Mather received a bachelor's degree in geology and did graduate work in geology from Johns Hopkins University. He also did graduate work in economics at the American University. He received an honorary doctorate from Clarkson University in 1978. Mather is the author or co-author of over 600 technical reports and papers.

As one of the Nation's foremost experts on concrete, Mather has received numerous government and professional organization awards. President Jimmy Carter made him a charter member of the government's Senior Executive Service in 1979. Mather is an honorary fellow of England's Institute of Concrete Technology and was the Corps of Engineers Civilian of the Year for 1992.

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A native of Baltimore, Md., Mather is an amateur entomologist and an Honorary Life Member of the American Museum of Natural History. Seven species of insects have been named *matheri* in his honor.

Mather is now serving in the prestigious position of director *emeritus* of the Structures Laboratory where he will continue to participate in technical societies and to write technical papers on behalf of the ERDC.

ERDC includes all of the Corps of Engineers dispersed research and development facilities and supports the Army and the Nation with high quality research, leading edge technology, and state-of-the-art facilities. The ERDC organization consists of eight unique laboratories in four locations: Construction Engineering Research Laboratory at Champaign, Ill., Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory at Hanover, N. H., Topographic Engineering Center at Alexandria, Va., and the Coastal and Hydraulics, Structures, Geotechnical, Environmental, and Information Technology Laboratories in Vicksburg, Miss.

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